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THE NEWS.
Our Calvo dispatch confirms the statement that comes thronging through all the various news agencies from the South of France and in

creasing dependency throughout the Confederacy, and the auspicious manner in which the President's late proclamation is being received. It will not do to believe that all fighting is over. The snake is scotched, not killed, and it will not do for us to sit down and look to see it die. More sharp work will be required before the end is reached, and Gov. Brong's message elsewhere tells how

Gov. Brough was inaugurated at Columbus yesterday. His message was a noble and patriotic document, loyal without reserve. Read it and set down in our special dispatch, and compare it if you can with the message the infamous Vallandigham would have penned and uttered. How would the hearts of loyal men have sunk within them, as the use he would have made of such an opportunity to

The desired naval reform is likely to result from the agitation in which we have had our share. It is one thing to secure an efficient navy, it is quite another to have it.

another to go on accumulating monstrous floating castles of iron for future contingencies. The latter will suit "iron-jobbers" but the people are to be the first consulted. We are glad to chronicle the probability that the naval estimates are to be cut down from \$142,000,000 to a little over \$100,000,000. It will still bear to be cut down to \$50,000,000 and this sum well employed will all every state.

The Chesapeake case still in hearing in a Provincial Court, promises to develop some of the most interesting points of international law. The latest phase reached is that brought out in the testimony elsewhere reported, to the effect, that at a meeting privately called at St. Johns, the pirate crew was expressly enlisted into the Confederate service, "to go to New York and capture a vessel."

There is a move in the right direction, not indeed now newly begun, but proposed to be carried forward in the matter of cutting down the enormous profits of certain Federal officers to a reasonable salary. There is neither sense, nor justice, especially in a period of public trial like the present, why Collectors and other posts should pay incumbents from \$13,000 to \$50,000 per annum. A fair salary should be deducted from

the office holder, and all the excess go into the public treasury. The same rule should apply to all local offices; sheriffs and other county officers should have a fixed and suitable stipend, and the residue of office receipts, small or large, belongs to the people.

A movement is set on foot in Congress to enlist and allow blacks the same bounties and pay as whites. The people will say amen. The army will not give a dissenting

role, when it comes to be understood that thereby we mean to end this war, and throttle the rebellion. These black fellows are the very men to clean out the "last ditch."

Our Indianapolis dispatch betokens an extraordinary amount of activity in military affairs therewith. The State capital frames like a bee hive in swarming time and the camps are full of new recruits. The Indiana boys mean war until peace comes on a per-

The latest news from Mexico indicates that the Imperialists are sweeping everything before them, and that even Juarez's strongholds and capital is in danger. This must be received with more than a grain of caution, as coming through channels directly controlled by those best pleased to have affairs as reported. There can be but little doubt, however, that the Mexicans are finding their do-

On another page of this issue we give place to an able and interesting presentation of facts and arguments, setting forth the value of a system of collecting and diffusing meteorological facts, a subject of great interest to the mercantile community, as well as to the people at large. The article in question will repay perusal. The matter urged will reim-

dures the expense of its adoption, whenever the authorities, upon whom it devolves, can be made to see it.

ABOUT PAYING THE SOLDIERS.

Hon. James Brooks, the Copperhead Know Nothing, M. C. from New York, offered a resolution in the Copperhead caucus that,

"The officers, soldiers and sailors in the army and navy should be paid in gold and silver, or their equivalents in amount."

The object of the Hon. plug ugly and his conferees, was not to pay the soldiers more, but to embarrass the Government, well knowing that it would be cut of the power of the Secretary to provide gold for the payment of the army and navy. If it be improper to pay the salaries of our foreign ministers in coin, put a stop to it. But the unanimous resolution does not propose to pay our ministers and consuls in currency; no political capital

ould be made in that direction, therefore the other dodge is resorted to. But if the wackening demagogues really want the soldiers better paid there is an easy way of accomplishing it. Let them vote for a six per cent. tax on the three hundred millions of dollars of loans of the heterogeneous and unconstitutional banks, and expel their circulation. This will remove the inordinate inflation of the currency, and bring

The trouble with the currency is that there is too much of it by fifty per cent. Hence, it takes three dollars of it to purchase two real dollars' worth of property or labor. Restore one-third of the existing currency and the remaining two-thirds will rise in value until it represents as much property as the whole volume now does. Let the currency

recovered by taxing out of circulation the redundant, unnecessary issues of the 1,000 local "debit certificates," and greenbacks will become the "equivalent of gold." What do Brooks, Cox and Wood say to this proposition?

RAILROAD ACCIDENT AND HALF-BREADTH ESCAPE.—The train which left Springfield on Saturday evening, for Chicago, encountered

Now back this side of Lexington, which was too much for the locomotive, and was obliged to return to Bloomington. It left that place last evening, and came with little difficulty as far as Lockport. Here, while in the act of switching, and after the locomotive with two cars had passed from the switch on to the main track, the switch broke, throwing the rear car first upon a track parallel with that upon which the locomotive was running.

The cars thus thrown off joiled along over the ties, much to the dismay of the women and children passengers. The train was stopped after running some distance, when it was found that an inclination of six inches more to one side would have precipitated the whole concern down a perpendicular bank of four feet into the canal, which is here parallel with the railroad. The intersection which caused the accident was

FIRE IN WILMINGTON, ILL.—A fire broke out at eleven o'clock last night in the town of Wilmington, in Will county, and before it could be checked, destroyed three stores and another small building. The loss is said to be considerable.

Thinking it would be interesting to many of your readers, we inclose a list of the steamboats destroyed on the Mississippi River and the tributaries during the war, showing to what a fearful extent the commerce of the Western waters has been crippled by the war. The list is not complete, but nearly so. Of one hundred and seventy-five destroyed.

only one were sunk, of which eleven have been raised. The remaining one hundred and four have been burned. The rebels still are in their possession about thirty steamers in Red and Onatchitoe Rivers.

Alexis Alesman's Child Arrow, Anglo-American, Alameda, Anna Baron, Andy Patton, Annie Allen, Collier, Admiral Asah Bann, John Adams, John Alexander, Dan Wood, Bensville, Benham, Benham, Barnum Deane, Calce Chasmon, Captain, Charles Gentry, Raymond, Alvins),

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